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The Human Rights Committee (HRC) was established in 2001 and consists of members of the Leopoldina from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The current chairman is Professor Hans-Peter Zenner. In 2003, the HRC joined the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies (The H.R. Network). As a member of the H.R. Network, the HRC assists scientists around the world who are subjected to repression. Moreover, it periodically organises the symposium “Human Rights and Science” to debate human rights aspects and bioethical questions in science and to discuss worldwide cases of scientists who are victims of human rights violations. The Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA), based in Ljubljana, is this year’s partner.

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6th Symposium “Human Rights and Science”

Topic: Human Rights and Refugees

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Atrium of the Scientific Research Centre of the
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Since autumn 2013, the number of people migrating from the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world to Europe has dramatically increased. Among them are many scientists who seek shelter from terrorism, armed conflicts, oppression or critical social and economic shortages. At the same time, European countries such as Slovenia and Germany are strongly affected by these refugee flows in their role as host or transit countries, temporary or on a longer term. They have to cope with tremendous challenges in migration and border management, asylum seeking procedures and integration.

The 6th symposium “Human Rights and Science” discusses the human rights dimension in the study of the latest refugee crisis in Europe, the handling of migration flows as well as the integration of refugees. Additionally, the meeting debates efforts of science and research organisations in providing support for oppressed and asylum seeking scientists in Europe.

Programme

Thursday, 29 September 2016

9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome

Prof Tadej Bajd
President of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia

Prof Gereon Wolters ML
Member of the Human Rights Committee (HRC) of the Leopoldina, Germany

Session 1

Managing the Refugee Flows in Europe on the Basis of Human Rights. Responses by States, NGOs and Civil Society Stakeholders Across Europe

Chair: Prof Bruno Gottstein ML
Leopoldina-HRC, Switzerland

09:15 – 10:00

Refugees and Equality Before the Law
Dr Michael Collyer
University of Sussex, United Kingdom

10:00 – 10:45

Critical Reflection on European Governments' Response to the Present Refugee Flows
Dr Andrej Kurnik
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

10:45 – 11:15 | Break

11:15 – 12:00

The Role(s) of Borders in EU "Migration Management"
Dr Jure Gombač
Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenian Migration Institute, Slovenia

12:00 – 12:45

The Role of Non-State Actors on the Balkan Route
Marc Speer
Bordermonitoring.eu e.V., Germany

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch

Session 2

What Does Integration Mean: Host or Recipient Society?

Chair: Prof Alenka Šelih
Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia

13:45 – 14:30

Perspective of a Refugee

Neda Soltani
Scholar Rescue Fund, Institute of International Education, Germany

Prof Hajrija Sijerčić-Čolić
University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:30 – 15:15

"Refugee Flows" and the Complexity of Social Relations:

The Case of Slovenia
Prof Marina Lukšič Hacin
Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenian Migration Institute, Slovenia

15:15 – 16:00

The Meaning of Integration under the Conditions of Complex and Dynamic Societies

Prof Albert Scherr
Freiburg University of Education, Germany

16:00 – 16:30 | Break

Session 3

The Challenge of Shaping a European Asylum System Claiming Human Rights

Chair/Moderator: Prof Sabine Hess
University of Göttingen, Germany

16:30 – 16:50 | Impulse Lecture

**Have We Lost Our Compass?
Refugee Rights in Current EU Policies**
Prof Petra Bendel
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

16:50 – 18:15 | Panel Discussion

Dr Mojca Pajnik
Research Counsellor, Peace Institute, Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies, Slovenia

Prof Petra Bendel
Academic Director and General Manager of the International and Interdisciplinary Center for Area Studies, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

Karl Kopp
Director of European Affairs, Pro Asyl, Germany

Nina Gregori
Director General, Administrative Internal Affairs, Migration and Naturalization Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Slovenia

Laurent Muschel
Director "Migration and Protection", Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Belgium

Friday, 30 September 2016

Session 4

Efforts of Science Organisations to Support Oppressed Scientists and those Seeking Asylum in Europe

Chair: Prof Gereon Wolters ML
Leopoldina-HRC, Germany

9:30 – 10:00

The International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies: Developments and Transitions
Dr Rebecca Everly
Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies, USA

10:00 – 10:30

"If not us, then who?": The Refugee Crisis and the Work of Scholars at Risk
Prof Domna C. Stanton
Scholars at Risk, USA

10:30 – 11:00 | Break

11:00 – 11:30

Slovenian Science Organisations and their Support for Oppressed Scientists
Prof Alenka Šelih
Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia

11:30 – 12:00

The Philipp Schwartz Initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
Dr Barbara Sheldon
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany

12:00 – 12:45 | Discussion

What are Future Steps to Support Oppressed and Asylum Seeking Scientists?

12:45 | Close of Conference

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Scientific Organisation

Prof Sabine Hess

Director of the Göttingen Center for Gender Studies
University of Göttingen, Germany

Prof Alenka Šelih

Commission for Human Rights
Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia

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